

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on March 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 353, 2/24/2015; HJ 15, 2/24/2015; HB 393, 2/23/2015

Executive Action: HJ 15 - BE CONCURRED IN; HB 393 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 353 - BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED

00:00:08 Chairman Webb

Committee Business:

00:01:32 Chairman Webb

00:02:31 Recess

00:10:05 Sen. Blasdel left the hearing.

00:17:53 Reconvene

00:17:56 Chairman Webb turned the chair over to Vice Chair Ankney.

00:17:57 Chairman Webb left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:59 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 353, Revise laws related to public service commission vacancy.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:33 Bob Lake, commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:57 Sen. Connell

00:26:43 Rep. Greef

00:27:00 Sen. Connell

00:27:12 Sen. Windy Boy

00:27:53 Rep. Greef

00:28:43 Sen. Windy Boy

00:28:57 Mr. Lake, PSC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:41 Rep. Greef

HEARING ON HB 393

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:09 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 393, Certify incidental carbon storage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:05 Greg Schnacke, executive director, Government Relations, Denbury Resources, Inc. (DSI)

EXHIBIT(ens49a01)

00:39:37 Dave Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

00:40:06 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

00:40:34 Mark Lambrecht, executive director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:06 Sen. Keane
00:41:31 Rep. Richmond
00:42:27 Sen. Keane
00:42:40 Rep. Richmond
00:42:59 Sen. McNally
00:43:22 Rep. Richmond
00:43:48 Sen. McNally
00:43:56 Rep. Richmond
00:44:00 Sen. McNally
00:44:21 Rep. Richmond
00:45:29 Sen. Larsen
00:46:09 Mr. Schnacke, DSI
00:46:28 Sen. Larsen
00:46:50 Mr. Schnacke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:19 Rep. Richmond

00:48:36 Vice Chair Ankney turned the chair over to Sen. Larsen.

00:49:20 Vice Chair Ankney left the hearing.

HEARING ON HJ 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:30 Rep. Mitch Tropila (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HJ 15, Joint resolution urging the federal government recognition of Little Shell Tribe.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:33 Leona Kienenberger, vice chairman, Little Shell Chippewa Tribe
 00:55:30 Andy Huff, chief legal council, Governor's Office
 00:56:25 Gerald Gray, chairman, Little Shell Chippewa Tribe (LSCT)
 00:58:27 Clancy Sivertsen, vice chairman, Little Shell Chippewa Tribe
 00:58:58 Nicholas Vrooman, PhD., historian, Little Shell Chippewa Tribe
 01:01:36 Rep. Susan Webber, HD 16
 01:02:21 Gerald J. Gray Sr., director, Little Shell Tribal Native Languages Program

EXHIBIT(ens49a02)

01:08:34 Colleen Hill, secretary/treasurer, Little Shell Chippewa Tribe
 01:09:00 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
 01:09:49 Alissa Snow, Western Native Voice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:01 Sen. McNally
 01:11:29 Mr. Gray, LSCT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:06 Sen. Tropila
 01:12:55 Sen. Windy Boy

 01:13:45 Chairman Webb entered the hearing.

 01:14:00 Sen. Larsen turned the chair back over to Chairman Webb.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 15

01:15:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **HJ 15 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Jones and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy. Sen. Windy Boy will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 393

01:16:13 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 393 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:16:39 Sen. McNally

01:16:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Jones and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy. Sen. Larsen will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 353

01:17:43 **Motion:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 353 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:18:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Connell moved that **HB 353 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Jones and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(ens49a03)

01:18:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 353 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Jones and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy. Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:23 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens49aad.pdf](#))